

his fabulous stories
never for a moment considering
giving him more than illusory hopes
Lady From Shanghai still looks good
it should always be shown in tandem
with Touch of Evil
throw in The Trial
& Chimes at Midnight
you'll find American art at its finest

THE REAL MEANING OF ROSEBUD

it wasn't that ridiculous sled
Welles arrived at RKO in 1939 —
starring in a minor vehicle at the same studio
around that same time
was John Barrymore
a perfect artistic link to Welles
in any case
the Barrymore vehicle opens
with a milk truck
Rosebud Dairy
the film was set in 1923
the driver of the truck is a bootlegger
with one sour bottle of milk for show
to cover all those quarts of Rosebud

YOUNG BILLY YOUNG

silly title right?
it's a western from 1969
Mitchum asks Robert Walker Jr.
for his handle
Walker replies hesitantly
Young
Billy Young
Mitchum takes that in
says
"It has a nice roll to it."
The Wild Bunch also came out in '69
after watching Young Billy
you just have to wonder
who was there first
between the dialogue
flashbacks
it doesn't matter
Mitchum plays a guy named Kane
take your pick
Citizen or Will
his character's named Ben I believe

everything has its own language of course
you already knew that

GUYS & DOLLS

reached Boston sometime in 1951
the cast somewhat different
from the original NY run
no matter
there we were
back stage afterwards
my mother introducing me to B S Pully
who was in the original cast
he was a dirty comedian of the era
not that I knew that
5 at the time
life was overwhelming
to be on the receiving end
of so much attention
even the gruff friendliness of B S Pully

ONE NIGHT AT THE COLONIAL THEATRE

back in 1959
Danny Kaye was still a big deal
to kids like me
with his appealing nonsense
my mother took me to see him
backstage
we were there before he was
I can still see him
walking in the stage door
with his red hair
& blue trenchcoat
my mother introduced us
he took a chair
& placed it by the wings
that was where I sat
while he wowed the crowd
every now & then
he'd turn to me
& make me feel incredibly special
no easy feat
when you're a fucked up 13 yr old
apparently Mr Kaye's manager
who was quite the handsome English gent
had taken a liking to my mother
every night
she brought a different member